

Thornton, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm;
Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
White Mountains
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Grafton County Districts 6, 16

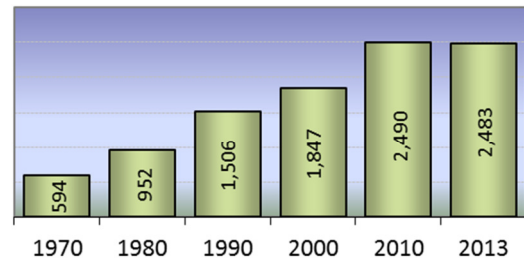
Incorporated: 1763

Origin: This territory was chartered in 1763, and named for Dr. Matthew Thornton. The grant was given to him in return for his service as surgeon in the Pepperell expedition of 1745. Dr. Thornton, whose practice was in Merrimack, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, a justice of the Superior Court, speaker of the House of Representatives, member of the State Senate, delegate to the Continental Congress, and "president" of the state following the Revolutionary War. No settlements were made under the first grant, and a second was issued in 1768; the first settlements were made in 1770.

Villages and Place Names: Goose Hollow, West Thornton

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 385 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Thornton totaled 2,003 over 53 years, from 480 in 1960 to



2,483 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 60 percent between 1970 and 1980, this was followed by a 58 percent increase over the next decade. The 2013 Census estimate for Thornton was 2,483 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 49.4 persons per square mile of land area. Thornton contains 50.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$2,755,624	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$4,250,825	
Zoning Ordinance	1970/14	
Master Plan	2013	
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board	

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Trust Funds; Planning; Library; Treasurer; Overseer Public Welfare
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning

Public Library **Thornton Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Municipal		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	15 miles	25	

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Private wells	
Sanitation	Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal	None	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Mandatory	
Telephone Company	Time Warner	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	Limited	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited
	Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.34	
2013 Equalization Ratio	96.5	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.68	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	96.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)
Total Housing Units	1,934	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,654	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	39	
Five or More Units in Structure	66	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	175	

DEMOGRAPHICS			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2013	2,483	89,268	
2010	2,490	89,118	
2000	1,847	81,826	
1990	1,506	74,998	
1980	952	65,806	
1970	594	54,914	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013

Population by Gender			
Male	1,331	Female	1,152

Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	88	
Age 5 to 19	358	
Age 20 to 34	458	
Age 35 to 54	766	
Age 55 to 64	409	
Age 65 and over	404	
Median Age	46.4 years	

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	90.9%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.2%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)
Per capita income	\$29,846	
Median family income	\$65,385	
Median household income	\$59,028	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$42,138	
Female	\$35,481	
Individuals below the poverty level	5.6%	

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2003	2013	
Civilian labor force	1,151	1,402	
Employed	1,113	1,328	
Unemployed	38	74	
Unemployment rate	3.3%	5.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELM)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	24	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 409	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	48	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 309	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	72	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 342	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	18	16	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 548	\$ 401	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	89	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 382	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Thornton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)				District: SAU 48
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center				Region: 5
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	212				
Nearest Community College: Lakes Region					
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University					
2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)			Total Facilities: 3	Total Capacity: 57	

LARGEST BUSINESSES**PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Not Available

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	49, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 29
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	58 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		72 miles
Portland, Maine		112 miles
Boston, Mass.		122 miles
New York City, NY		327 miles
Montreal, Quebec		199 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.1%
Public transportation	1.6%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	7.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	10.4
Commuting to another NH community	78.0
Commuting out-of-state	11.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley	
Other: Waterville Valley; Loon Mountain; White Mountains	